



Call for Applications:
**DocTalent4EU Summer School on “Enhancing
Communication and Negotiation Skills for PhD Candidates”**
University of Limerick, Ireland,
Tuesday, May 28th to Thursday, May 30th, 2024

University of Limerick Doctoral College is proud to announce the [DocTalent4EU Summer School](#), a unique and immersive learning experience focused on effective communication and negotiation skills for PhD candidates. The Summer School takes place at the University of Limerick, from **Tuesday, May 28th to Thursday, May 30th, 2024**

The DocTalent4EU Summer School is a unique opportunity for PhD candidates from different backgrounds to benefit from a comprehensive learning experience that combines online and face-to-face training, networking opportunities with participants from other institutions as well as instructors, and the acquisition of valuable knowledge and skills that will enhance participants' professional qualifications and career prospects.

The successful completion of the training programme will entitle participants to qualify for DocTalent4EU digital credentials.

Eligibility: Applicants must be PhD candidates with fluent English, from any discipline.

Selection criteria: In line with the objectives of the DocTalent4EU project, participation is open to PhD candidates of any background.



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Important Dates:

- Call for Applications: **Wednesday, March 13th, 2024**
- Application deadline: **Friday, March 22nd, 2024.**
- Notification of acceptance: **Monday, March 25th, 2024**
- MOOC open: **Monday, March 25th, 2024 to Friday, May 24th, 2024.**
- DocTalent4EU Summer School & Hackathon: **Tuesday, May 28th to Friday, May 30th**

The Summer School will be composed of two phases:

- a) An online MOOC to complete from **March 25th to May 24th, 2024**
- b) Face-to-face training programme and Hackathon at University of Limerick from **May 28th to May 30th, 2024.**

Agenda of the training:

<p>Module I - online March 25th to May 24th, 2024</p>	<p>MODULE 1: MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)</p> <p>The Doc Talent4EU MOOC on Enhancing Communication and Negotiation Skills for PhD Candidates is intended to provide doctoral candidates with the essential skills and knowledge required for effective communication and negotiation. The course aims to enhance participants' abilities to communicate their research effectively, negotiate effectively in academic and professional settings, and understand the role of such skills in advancing their research and careers.</p>
<p>Module II – on-site May 28th 2024 at University of Limerick</p>	<p>MODULE 2: Inter-disciplinary Teams and “Challenges”</p> <p>PhD candidates will meet face-to-face during the Summer School, and work together in inter-disciplinary groups on problems relating to effective communication and negotiation. Candidates will reflect on the online material in Module 1 and work on problem-based assignments. Participants will also map theory from Module 1 to their own research and discuss collaborative work across their respective disciplines.</p> <p>Group exercises will be related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and participants will examine the application of effective communication and negotiation skills to such problems.</p>



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	<p>Two examples of this type of exercise are given below.</p> <p>Example 1: Interdisciplinary groups of PhD candidates are tasked with designing and implementing an initiative to promote gender equality in a chosen region or country, aligned with SDG 5, Gender Equality. The initiative should address multiple dimensions of gender inequality and empower women in the region. In this instance, PhD candidates from various disciplines, such as sociology, economics, public policy, and public health, come together to form a collaborative group and leverage their expertise to provide an initiative which promotes gender equality.</p> <p>Example 2: An interdisciplinary group of PhD candidates, is tasked with developing a sustainable transportation solution that addresses the unique challenges faced by urban areas. The solution, aligned with SDG 13, Climate Action, should aim to reduce carbon emissions, enhance energy efficiency, and improve accessibility while ensuring economic viability and public acceptance. In this instance, PhD candidates from fields such as engineering, social sciences, transportation planning, environmental science, and urban studies would come together to develop an integrative solution that tackles the complex challenges of achieving sustainable transportation in urban areas.</p>
<p>Module III – on-site May 29th & 30th 2024 at University of Limerick</p>	<p>MODULE 3: HACKATHON</p> <p>Industry representatives will work with academic faculty in order to provide participants with advice on project assignments that allow PhD candidates to communicate their research to non-academic audiences, build collaboration and networks with other researchers and meet and understand challenges in their own local contexts.</p> <p>FORMAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD candidates will form interdisciplinary teams (mixed-discipline groups) through a facilitated networking session. • Each team will choose one challenge to work on during the Doc Talent4EU Hackathon and develop an innovative proposal addressing the problem. • Mentors from academia and industry will provide guidance and support to the teams throughout the Hackathon.





- Workshops and training sessions will be conducted to enhance the teams' problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, communication, and project management abilities.

Pitching Session and Judging:

- Each team will have a limited time to pitch their proposal to a panel of judges consisting of industry experts and academic representatives.
- The judging criteria will emphasise the interdisciplinary approach, innovation, societal impact, and feasibility of the proposals.

Final Hackathon Presentation:

- The Doc Talent4EU Hackathon results will be presented on the final day of the Doc Talent4EU Summer School in UL on May 30th, 2024.
- Winning teams will showcase their proposals to a broader audience, including stakeholders from academia, industry, and the public.





Application Process:

1) To apply, please complete [Doc Talent4EU Summer School application form](#) (The application form contains a Statement of Purpose (max. 500 words) outlining your motivation for joining the Summer School and how it aligns with your academic and personal goals)

2) Send the following documents to DocTalent4EU@ul.ie:

- [Doc Talent4EU Data Collection Form](#)
- [Doc Talent4EU Informed Consent Form](#)
- A short CV

Expand your horizons, develop valuable skills, and make lifelong connections with students and researchers from across Europe. Apply now and be part of this unique and transformative experience.

For further information about the Summer School and how to apply, please contact DocTalent4EU@ul.ie



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